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SUBJ: LISBON PRESS ON AZOREAN CRISIS

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SUMMARY: JUNE 10 LISBON PRESS CONTINUED TO HANDLE WEEKEND
AZORES EVENTS IN RESTRAINED MANNER. U.S. ANGLE MENTIONED, NOT
STRESSED. END SUMMARY

1. JUNE 10 PRESS ("O SEculo" AND "DIARIO DE NOTICIAS" -- BOTH
COMMUNIST-INFLUENCED) STRESSED THAT SITUATION "BACK TO NORMAL,"
AND THAT MILITARY READY TO "RESPOND ENERGETICALLY TO ANY MOVEMENTS
THAT THREATEN NATIONAL UNITY."

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2. DETONATOR OF INCIDENTS WAS DESCRIBED AS THE "JUST GRIEVANCES" OF

AZOREAN FARMERS WHICH WERE MANIPULATED BY CERTAIN LARGE INDUSTRIAL-ISTS AND LARGE LANDOWNERS SEEKING TO PRESERVE THEIR REACTIONARY INTERESTS. ACCUSATIONS WERE MADE CHARGING PPD AND CDS COMPLICITY IN THE PLANNING OF THE DEMONSTRATIONS; THEIR BEHAVIOR WAS CONTRASTED WITH THE DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED BY "PROGRESSIVE" PARTIES WHO ATTEMPTED TO DEFUSE THE SITUATION. DIAIRO DE NOTICIAS CRITICISED GENERAL ALTINO PINTO DE MAGALHAES AND THE COMMANDER OF THE 18TH BATTALION IN PONTA DELGADA (LTC. MIRANDA) ACCUSING BOTH OF SYMPATHIZING WITH THE SEPARATIST MOVEMENT.

3. DETENTION OF U.S. CONSULATE EMPLOYEE VICTOR CRUZ REPORTED BRIEFLY IN BOTH PAPERS. HIS CONNECTION WITH USG AND MAPA NOTED. NO DIRECT CHARGES WERE LEVELED AGAINST HIM, NOR AT U.S. GOVERNMENT. CRUZ'S ALLEGED OWNERSHIP OF A NOW-NATIONALIZED TOBACCO FIRM WAS ALSO MENTIONED. LAJES BASE, PRESENCE OF NATO SHIPS, AND DESIRE OF SOME AZOREANS "TO BECOME U.S. COLONY" WERE MENTIONED IN PASSING BUT NO INFERENCES DRAWN. BORGES COUTINHO, IN HIS PRESS CONFERENCE, DESCRIBED AZOREAN ATTRACTION TO U.S. AS "NATURAL" GIVEN THE LARGE NUMBER OF AZOREANS LIVING IN U.S.

4. DIARIO DE NOTICIAS ALSO REPRINTED JUNE 9 ARTICLE FROM PONTA DELGADA PAPER "DIARIO DOS ACORES," CONTAINING LIST OF 28 ARRESTEES.
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